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# Fluor Workers Detained in Iran

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TEHRAN, Iran—Islamic revolutionaries arrested an American, a Belgian and two Britons employed by a subsidiary of a California-based firm, a company spokesman reported, but British officials said later the men had been questioned and then released.

The spokesman for Fluor (Iran) Inc., which is owned by Fluor Corp. of Irvine, said the four were detained Monday on charges of "plundering the wealth of Iran by charging exorbitant prices."

Few details were available. The U.S. Embassy said it knew nothing of the matter, and spokesmen for Iran's new government would not comment.

A spokesman for Fluor's Iranian oil-drilling subsidiary identified the American as John Cassica, 49, a construction foreman who went to high school in South Carolina but describes himself as a "perennial expatriate."

The Britons were identified as W. W. Walsir and K. Thompson and the Belgian as P. Detrez. No hometowns were available. They were employed in the southern city of Aghajari, Jim Mackin, the spokesman, said.

He said the four were arrested in the southern city of Abadan, where they had gone to catch a flight to Tehran so they could leave the country.

British officials reported early today that the men were taken for questioning to Ahwaz, an oil-industry center 375 miles southwest of Tehran, and freed there Monday night. He said they still were in Ahwaz.

Iranian newspapers reported that a revolutionary firing squad in Tehran had executed the 10th man to be sentenced to death by Iran's revolutionary court. They identified him as Mohammed Hussein Naderi and said he was a "Savak (secret police) torturer" from Isfahan.

There was still no word on the whereabouts of former Premier Shahpour Bakhtiar, who was reported Sunday to have escaped the country. The government of the Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's Moslem leader, announced Sunday it was setting up commando units to seek out and return such "criminals" as Bakhtiar and Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, who fled the country Jan. 16.

In Washington, meanwhile, Sen. Gary Hart (D-Colo.) said Monday that a key CIA spy post in Iran was still monitoring Soviet missile activity and that other means of verifying a strategic arms agreement were available if the United States was forced to dismantle it.

Hart, a member of the Armed Services Committee, said Senate ratification of any new strategic arms limitation treaty with Moscow hinges on America's ability to verify that the Soviets are keeping their part of the deal.

Conceding that the United States is "a little bit in a trough now on verification, somewhat related to Iran," Hart told reporters he nevertheless believes "we have the capability to verify this agreement."

Before the shah's pro-American government fell earlier this month, there were about seven U.S. monitoring posts in Iran, two of them operated by the CIA to keep watch over Soviet missile tests and make sure they were not cheating on the first arms agreement.

Various people in Khomeini's new government have said publicly that the American operations would be halted, but it is unclear whether official discussions have been held on the matter.